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BOOK REVIEWS

THE ADVENTURE OF DEATH. By Robert W. Mackenna, M.A., M.D.
G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London. Price, \$1.50.

This is not such a cheerless subject, treated as it is by Dr. Mackenna, as its title would lead one to think. A reverent attitude, added to his personal experience, makes an interesting book, and one is left with the feeling that fear of death is unnecessary and cowardly. The chapter on euthanasia is brief but convincing. A strong religious belief is held to be the most satisfactory preparation for death, and the author believes that human beings are not utterly annihilated, but that personality survives.

A COMPEND OF HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY. Especially adapted for the use of Medical Students. By Albert Brubaker, A.M., M.D., Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. Fourteenth edition with 26 illustrations. P. Blakiston's Son and Company, Philadelphia. Price, \$1.25.

Any book which has reached its fourteenth edition needs but brief mention. In this there has been elimination of old matter and the introduction of new, which naturally will make it of more value.

INFANT MORTALITY. By Hugh T. Ashby, B.A., M.D., B.C., Cambridge. M.R.C.P. (London). University Press, Cambridge. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. Price, \$3.25.

Just how much and when the expectant mother should work, and all the conditions met with in trying to help the poor and weak, have been ably treated in this book. Evidently the same difficulties are encountered in England as in this country, according to the statistics and records of the efforts made to better the lives of the infant population. Stress is laid on the importance of accurate birth records as a means of determining when the child should be sent to school. The whole subject is sympathetically treated.

WHAT EVERY MOTHER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HER INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN. By Charles Gilmore Kerley, M.D., Professor of Diseases of Children, New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital. Paul B. Hoeber, New York. Price, 35 cents.

According to its preface of but one paragraph, this brief though complete treatise of an ever interesting subject was prepared at the